

§ 12.05-9 Examination and demonstration of ability.

(a) Before a lifeboatman's certificate may be granted, the applicant must prove to the satisfaction of the Coast Guard by oral or written examination and by actual demonstration that:

(1) He has been trained in all the operations connected with the launching of lifeboats and liferafts and the use of oars and sails;

(2) He is acquainted with the practical handling of boats themselves; and,

(3) He is capable of taking command of a boat's crew.

(b) The oral or written examination shall be conducted only in the English language and shall consist of questions regarding:

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§ 12.10-7 General provisions respecting merchant mariner's documents endorsed as lifeboatman.

A merchant mariner's document endorsed as able seaman shall be considered as the equivalent of a certificate as lifeboatman or an endorsement as lifeboatman and it shall be accepted as a certificate as lifeboatman wherever required by law or regulation.

Subpart 12.15—Qualified Member of the Engine Department

§ 12.15-1 Certification required.

(a) Every person employed in a rating as qualified member of the engine department on any United States vessel requiring certificated qualified members of the engine department shall produce a certificate as qualified member of the engine department to the shipping commissioner, United States Collector or Deputy Collector of Customs, or master before signing articles of agreement.

(b) No certificate as qualified member of the engine department is required of any person employed on any unrigged vessel, except seagoing barges.

§ 12.15-3 General requirements.

(a) A qualified member of the engine department is any person below the rating of licensed officer and above the rating of coal passer or wiper, who holds a certificate of service as such qualified member of the engine depart-

ment issued by the Coast Guard or predecessor authority.

(b) For purposes of administering this part the rating of *assistant electrician* is considered a rating not above that of coal passer or wiper, but equal thereto.

(c) An applicant, to be eligible for certification as qualified member of the engine department, shall be able to speak and understand the English language as would be required in the rating of qualified member of the engine department and in an emergency aboard ship.

§ 12.15-5 Physical requirements.

(a) An applicant for a certificate of service as a qualified member of the engine department shall present a certificate of a medical officer of the United States Public Health Service, or other reputable physician attesting that his eyesight, hearing, and physical condition are such that he can perform the duties required of a qualified member of the engine department.

(b) The medical examination for qualified member of the engine department is the same as for an original license as engineer, as set forth in § 10.02-5 of this subchapter. If the applicant is in possession of an unexpired license, the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, may waive the requirement for a physical examination.

(c) An applicant holding a certificate of service for a particular rating as qualified member of the engine department and desiring certification for another rating covered by this same form of certificate may qualify therefor without a physical examination unless the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, finds that the applicant obviously suffers from some physical or mental infirmity to a degree that would render him incompetent to perform the ordinary duties of a qualified member of the engine department. In this event the applicant shall be required to undergo an examination to determine his competency.

§ 12.15-7 Service or training requirements.

(a) An applicant for a certificate of service as qualified member of the engine department shall furnish the